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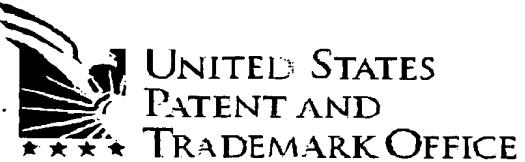
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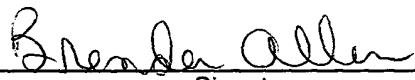
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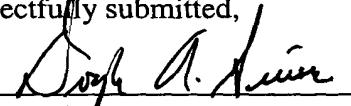
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Applicants hereby petition for an extension of time to and including September 2, 2003 (September 1st being a Federal Holiday, i.e., Labor Day) to respond to the Advisory Action mailed August 1, 2003.

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Respectfully submitted,

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Sir:

In response to the Advisory Action mailed August 1, 2003 (Paper No. 18), please enter the following amendments and consider the following remarks. Applicants submit concurrently herewith: (a) a Fee Transmittal Sheet; (b) Petition for an Extension of Time (two months to and including September 2, 2003 (September 1st being a Federal Holiday, i.e., Labor Day); and (c) a Certificate of Transmission Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.8.

Amendments to the specification begin on page 2.

Amendments to the claims begin on page 3.

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Amendments to the Specification:

On page 12, please replace the third paragraph at lines 22-35 with the following amended paragraph:

The present invention further relates to polynucleotides which hybridize to the hereinabove-described sequences if there is at least 70%, preferably at least 90%, and more preferably at least 95%, 96%, 97%, 98% or 99% identity between the sequences. The present invention particularly relates to polynucleotides which hybridize under stringent conditions to the hereinabove-described polynucleotides. As herein used, the term "stringent hybridization conditions" is intended overnight incubation at 42° C in a solution comprising: 50% formamide, 5x SSC (750 mM 150 mM NaCl, 75 mM 15 mM trisodium citrate), 50 mM sodium phosphate (pH 7.6), 5x Denhardt's solution, 10% dextran sulfate, and 20 µg/ml denatured, sheared salmon sperm DNA, followed by washing the filters in 0.1x SSC at about 65° C. The polynucleotides which hybridize to the hereinabove described polynucleotides in a preferred embodiment encode polypeptides which either retain substantially the same biological function or activity as the mature polypeptide encoded by the cDNAs of Figure 1 (SEQ ID NO:1).

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Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims.

1 – 27. Cancelled.

28. (Previously Presented) An isolated polypeptide comprising an amino acid sequence selected from the group consisting of:

- (a) amino acids 1 to 331 of SEQ ID NO:2;
- (b) the complete amino acid sequence encoded by the cDNA clone contained in ATCC Deposit No. 97343;
- (c) amino acids 2 to 331 of SEQ ID NO:2;
- (d) the complete amino acid sequence excepting the N-terminal methionine encoded by the cDNA clone contained in ATCC Deposit No. 97343;
- (e) amino acids 24 to 331 of SEQ ID NO:2;
- (f) amino acids 27 to 331 of SEQ ID NO:2; and
- (g) the amino acid sequence of the mature form of NAF-1 encoded by the cDNA clone contained in ATCC Deposit No. 97343.

29. (Previously Presented) The isolated polypeptide of claim 28 wherein said amino acid sequence is (a).

30. (Previously Presented) The isolated polypeptide of claim 28 wherein said amino acid sequence is (b).

31. (Previously Presented) The isolated polypeptide of claim 28 wherein said amino acid sequence is (c).

32. (Previously Presented) The isolated polypeptide of claim 28 wherein said amino acid sequence is (d).

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33. (Previously Presented) The isolated polypeptide of claim 28 wherein said amino acid sequence is (e).

34. (Previously Presented) The isolated polypeptide of claim 28 wherein said amino acid sequence is (f).

35. (Previously Presented) The isolated polypeptide of claim 28 wherein said amino acid sequence is (g).

36 – 67. (Cancelled).

68. (New) An epitope bearing fragment of the human NAF-1 polypeptide selected from the group consisting of:

- (a) an epitope bearing fragment consisting of at least amino acids 75 to 100 of SEQ ID NO:2;
- (b) an epitope bearing fragment consisting of at least amino acids 168 to 180 of SEQ ID NO:2;
- (c) an epitope bearing fragment consisting of at least amino acids 204 to 226 of SEQ ID NO:2;
- (d) an epitope bearing fragment consisting of at least amino acids 258 to 281 of SEQ ID NO:2; and,
- (e) an epitope bearing fragment consisting of at least amino acids 291 to 327 of SEQ ID NO:2.

69. (New) The epitope bearing fragment of claim 68 wherein said fragment is (a).

70. (New) The epitope bearing fragment of claim 68 wherein said fragment is (b).

71. (New) The epitope bearing fragment of claim 68 wherein said fragment is (c).

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72. (New) The epitope bearing fragment of claim 68 wherein said fragment is
(d).

73. (New) The epitope bearing fragment of claim 68 wherein said fragment is
(e).

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Remarks

The Examiner has issued an Advisory Action and did not enter Applicant's first After Final amendment submitted on July 1, 2003. *See*, Paper No. 18. Therefore, Applicants submit herein a Second Amendment cancelling all previously rejected or canceled claims (*i.e.*, claims 1-27, 36-37, and 43-61). Applicants acknowledge and thank the Examiner for allowance of claims 28-35. *See*, Paper No. 18. Applicants have also cancelled claims 38-42 (and the corresponding unentered claims 62-67) and re-presented these in independent form (new claims 68-73) as suggested by the Examiner. *See*, Paper No. 16, page 2, item 6. Accordingly, the subject matter of claims 38-42 has been incorporated into independent Markush-type claim 68. Upon entry of the present amendment, claims 28-35 and 68-73 will be pending. No new matter has been added.

I. Amendments to the Specification

Applicants have also discovered an obvious typographical error in the specification. Accordingly, the specification has been amended with respect to correction of the NaCl and trisodium citrate concentrations for 5xSSC disclosed on page 12, lines 28-29 of the specification. An amendment to correct an obvious error does not constitute new matter where one skilled in the art would not only recognize the existence of the error in the specification, but also the appropriate correction. *See*, M.P.E.P. § 2163.07. Here, the recognition of the typographical errors, along with the correction of the errors in the specification and claims and in the ingredient amounts listed for 5x SSC is obvious to one skilled in the art; therefore, the correction does not constitute new matter.

In particular, 5x SSC is a component of many hybridization solutions and is well known in the art. (*See*, e.g., Exhibit A, CURRENT PROTOCOLS IN MOLECULAR BIOLOGY, John Wiley and Sons, N.Y., at page 2.10.7 (1989)). SSC is normally made as a 20x stock solution, and then diluted accordingly for a particular use. Exhibit A also shows that a 20x SSC stock solution contains 3 M NaCl and 0.3 M trisodium citrate. (*See*, e.g., Exhibit A, CURRENT PROTOCOLS, at page A.2.5.) To make a 5x SSC solution, the 20x solution must be diluted by a factor of four. Therefore, a 5x SSC solution contains 750 mM NaCl (3 M ÷ 4 = 750 mM) and 75 mM trisodium citrate (0.3 M ÷ 4 = 75 mM). One skilled in the art would have immediately recognized that the amounts of ingredients

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listed in the specification for a 5x SSC solution was incorrect. Rather than describing a 5x SSC solution, made up of 750 mM NaCl and 75 mM trisodium citrate, the specification inaccurately listed the ingredient amounts for a 1x solution. The skilled artisan, in recognizing the typographical error, could have easily adjusted the amount of ingredients described in the specification to properly make a 5x SSC solution.

Therefore, because no new matter will be added to the specification if these typographical errors are corrected, Applicants respectfully request that the amendments to the specification to recite the correct concentrations of sodium chloride and sodium citrate in 5x SSC be entered.

II. Claims 38-42

Claims 38-42 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, "but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form..." *See*, Paper No. 16, page 2, item 6.

To comply with the Examiner's instruction, Applicants have herein cancelled claims 38-42 and rewritten the subject matter encompassed therein in independent claim 68 and dependent claims 69-73. Accordingly, the independent Markush-type claim 68 encompasses the subject matter of previously pending claims 38-42; dependent claim 69 corresponds to previously pending claim 38; claim 70 corresponds to 39; claim 71 corresponds to 40; claim 72 corresponds to 41; and, claim 73 corresponds to 42. No new matter has been added by the amendments made herein. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request entry of the above amendments and allowance of claims 68-73.

Conclusion

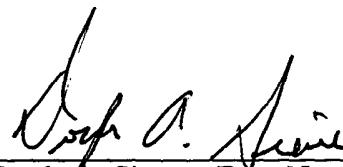
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